PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, CA

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is issuing a temporary emergency permit to authorize the detonation of 19 pieces of ordnance at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu. The ordnance will be disposed of in a single detonation. The emergency permit will be effective from January 17, 2002, through April 17, 2002.

The ordnance consists of one 90-millimeter projectile, three flash bang grenade simulators, ten 50-calibre blanks, one smoke grenade, one XM423 rocket nose fuse, and three cartridge-activated devices. The ordnance was collected recently from various locations and has been stored at the base until it can be safely disposed of. Because the age and history of the items are unknown, DTSC has determined that they pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment if not destroyed. The ordnance will be detonated on base in Building 723, a three-sided structure constructed of 2-feet-thick concrete walls and ceiling, lined with ½-inch-thick steel plating. The open side faces the ocean to minimize noise and human exposure to the detonation. The ordnance will be detonated using no more than 2 pounds of Class C-4 explosive.

On base, the nearest structure to Building 723 is approximately 700 feet away. There are no off-base residences or businesses within 2.75 miles of Building 723. However, it is possible that base residents and community members immediately bordering the area may hear the explosion and may feel a slight shaking at the time of detonation. DTSC has determined that the detonation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an action necessary to prevent an emergency pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15269(c). This exemption is also based on the determination that the detonation will not significantly affect the environment.

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